

Professional Development System Overview: American Samoa



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES



National Center on Child Care Professional
Development Systems and Workforce Initiatives (PDW Center)
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Territory American Samoa		
Professional Development (PD) System	Title: American Samoa Child Care Program Web site: http://www.dhss.as/who.html	
Infrastructure/ PD System Governance	Type of Governance: Territorial agency The Child Care Division of the Department of Human and Social Services is the lead Child Care and Development Fund Agency and oversees the American Samoa Child Care Program. The goal of the American Samoa Child Care Program is to implement PD systems and initiatives to help the Child Care Division workforce pursue better training and higher education. Key contact: Louisa F. Te'o Tuiteleleapaga, Assistant Director, Department of Human and Social Services, louisat@dhss.as	
Head Start (HS)/ Early Head Start (EHS)	Territory HS Collaboration Director: N/A Territory HS Early Childhood Manager: Shelley Weatherwax, shelley.weatherwax@stginternational.com	
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce in Child Care, preschool, HS/EHS, school-age, and other programs that serve children and families 	
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)	Ages Included in ELGs and Alignment with K–12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth–5 years Cross-walked to align with HS Outcomes Framework 	Notes American Samoa has ELGs that are cross-walked to align with the HS Outcomes Framework and Territory pre-K standards. Further information is not available. Web site: http://www.childcare.gov/sites/default/files/StateProfiles/AS.pdf Information on State ELGs references to dual language learners is available at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/state-guidelines/dll_guidelines.html

Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKCs)	Roles	Notes American Samoa has developed CKCs. Further information is not available. Web site: http://www.childcare.gov/sites/default/files/StateProfiles/AS.pdf
Approval Systems	Trainer/Training	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training approval 	American Samoa has a training approval system. Further information is not available. Web site: http://www.childcare.gov/sites/default/files/StateProfiles/AS.pdf
Workforce Registry/Data System and Career Pathways	System(s)	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A Career pathways (lattice/ladder) 	No workforce data/registry system American Samoa has a career pathway/career lattice that includes a director and/or an administrator credential. Further information is not available. Web site: http://www.childcare.gov/sites/default/files/StateProfiles/AS.pdf